Aberts House
300 Thomas
Bel Air
Private

      This large plain World War I house has only two decorative features: the stock turned posts and balustrade of the front porch and the hood over the side door. Otherwise it is as simple as a house can be.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Aberts House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

300 Thomas Street   1st
CITY, TOWN   CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air   ___ VICINITY OF

STATE   COUNTY

Maryland   Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S)	X_PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X_PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X_YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Norman D. Aberts   Telephone #: 838-5016
STREET & NUMBER

300 Thomas Street
CITY, TOWN   STATE, zip code

Bel Air   ___ VICINITY OF   Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

    Liber #: 362
COURTHOUSE.   Folio #: 499
REGISTRY OF DEEDS,ETC.   Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

    Main Street

CITY, TOWN   STATE

    Bel Air   Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

    __FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN   STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
X_GOOD	__RUINS	X_ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This nearly square two and a half shiplap sided house with a gable roof is at 300 Thomas Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Most of the houses nearby are shot-gun style and present their gables to the street. While this house is 2 bays by 2 bays like they are, it is almost twice as large and has its gables to the sides (east and west). A six pane casement window occupies each gable. Otherwise the windows are 1/1 double-hung sash except for the small square window in the stair run (on the south bay of the east elevation).

The shed porch on stock turned posts, the saw-tooth pattern of its spandrels, and the hipped roof hood with trellises on the side (east) door are nearly the only attempts at style. The entrance in the east bay of the front (south) elevation has long thin side lights, which are now 2/3 boarded up. There is no transom, but there is a thin decorative cornice over the door. It is composed of two filets and a dentil band.

An old screen door with turned spindle decorations in the corners is on the side door. It is probably original. The corbelled cap chimney and the shed addition in the rear complete the structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	X—ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
X1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES   1917   BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This plain, almost square house is not a common type in Bel Air.
It is larger than the small workingmen's houses and plainer than the
more pretentious buildings. It was built during World War I on
land Howard S. O'Neill bought from the Bel Air Land Company in 1917
(155/466).

It and its neighbor to the west are in the northwest corner of
the Hays addition. The addition was named for merchant Thomas Hays
who owned it at his death in 1861.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #740 in the Town of Bel Air,
50' x 128.10'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE   COUNTY

STATE   COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian   21 June 1979
ORGANIZATION   DATE

Town of Bel Air   838-8700
STREET & NUMBER   TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue
CITY OR TOWN   STATE

Bel Air   Maryland

PS- 1108

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND   21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1497

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
  Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
  Aberts House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

COUNTY: Harford	
TOWN: Bel Air	
LOCATION: 300 Thomas St. Bel Air, Md. 21014	

PRESENT USE: **Private residence**

ORIGINAL USE: "   "

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

COMMON NAME:
  Aberts House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private residence

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

OWNER: Norman D. Aberts   362/499
ADDRESS: 300 Thomas St.   p. 740
        Bel Air, Md. 50' x 128.10'

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent( )   Good (X)
Fair ( )   Poor: ( )

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes ( )   No ( )   Restricted (X)

THEME: Architecture
STYLE: Vernacular

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local (X)   State ( )   National ( )

DATE BUILT:
        1917

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
  Structural System
     1. Foundation: Stone( )Brick( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( )
     2. Wall Structure
         A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( )Balloon( )
         B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( )Stone( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( )
         C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other:
     3. Wall Covering: Clapboard( )Board and Batten( )Wood Shingle( )Shiplap(X)
             Novelty( )Stucco( )Sheet Metal( )Aluminum( )Asphalt Shingle( )
             Brick Veneer( )Stone Veneer( )
             Bonding Pattern: Other:
     4. Roof Structure
         A. Truss: Wood( )Iron( )Steel( )Concrete( )
         B. Other:
     5. Roof Covering: Slate( )Wood Shingle( )Asphalt Shingle(X)Sheet Metal( )
             Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:
     6. Engineering Structure:
     7. Other:
Appendages: Porches(X)Towers( )Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys(X)Sheds( )Ells( )
     Wings ( )Other:
Roof Style: Gable(X)Hip( )Shed( )Flat( )Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( )
     Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( )
     Other:
Number of Stories: 2-1/2
Number of Bays: 2 x 2 w 1 bay shed   Entrance Location: Thomas St.
Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat (X)Zoning( )Roads( )
Development( )Deterioration( )
Alteration ( )Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive( )Negative( )
Mixed( )   Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Gable to E side (Williams St.) 6 pane casement in it
windows 1/1 shed porch on turned stock pillars plain
balustrade spandrel zig-zag side (east) small square 1 pane S. bay
then sidedoor w/hipped hood & trellis - old screen
corbelled cap chimney
entry in E. Bay window lights no transom lights
boarded up. Tiney dentil <u>band</u> & <u>2 filets over door.</u>
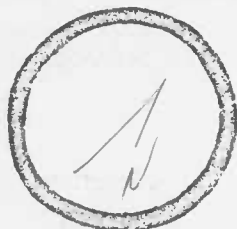
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

1 car garage shiplap gable roof asphalt shingle

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

middle-class housing of 1st World War vintage

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)

X Williams

Thomas

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )
Moderately Built Up( )Densely Built Up( )
Residential(X)Commercial(X)
Agricultural( )Industrial( )
Roadside Strip Development( )
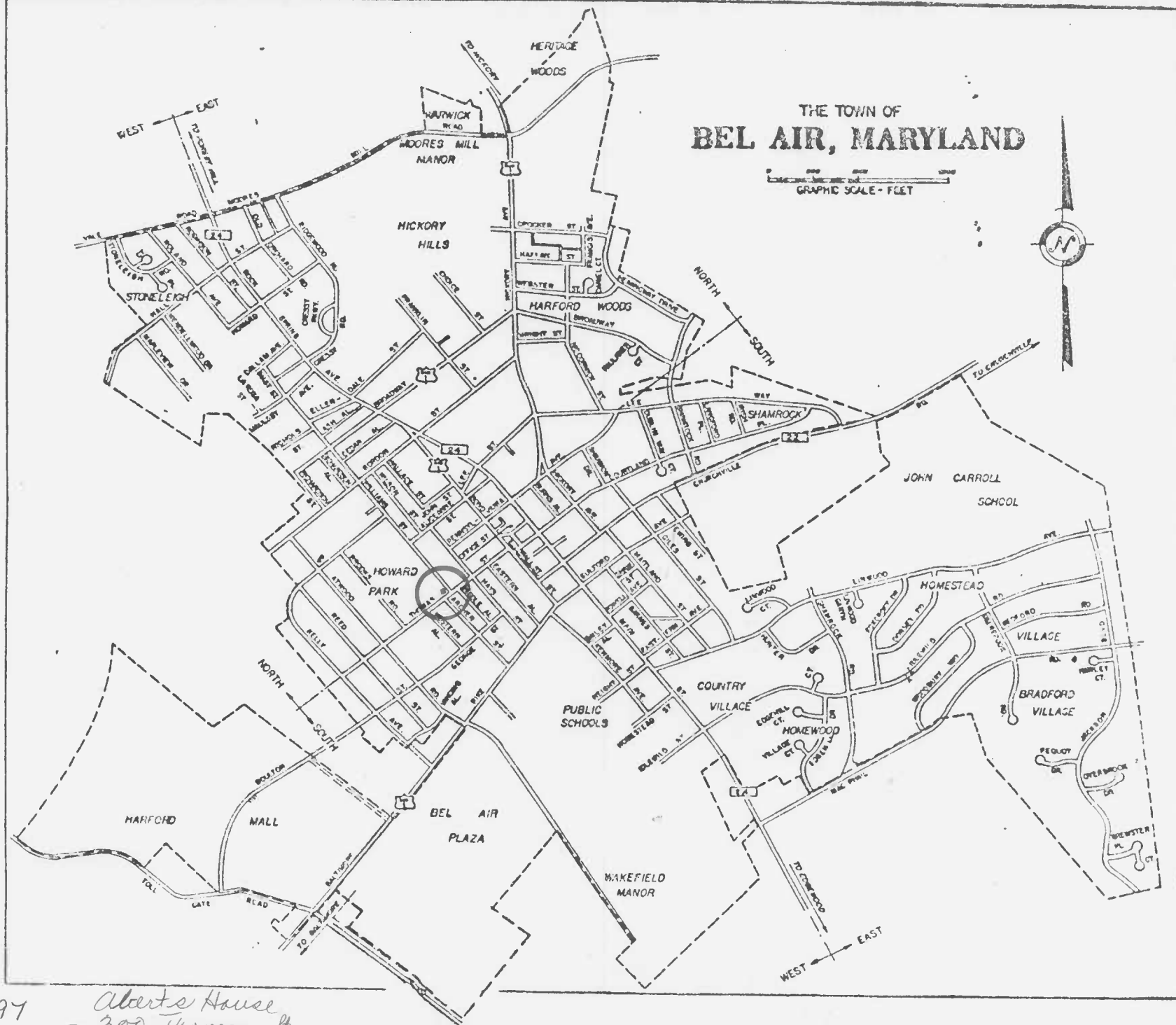Other:

M. Larew
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air
ORGANIZATION:
20 June 1979
DATE RECORDED:

THE TOWN OF
BEL AIR, MARYLAND

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET

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HERITAGE
WOODS

WARWICK
ROAD

MOORES MILL
MANOR

WEST — EAST

HICKORY
HILLS

CROCKER ST.

HARFORD WOODS

NORTH

SOUTH

STONELEIGH

TO CHURCHVILLE

SHAMROCK

JOHN CARROLL
SCHOOL

HOWARD
PARK

HOMESTEAD

HOMESTEAD
VILLAGE

COUNTRY
VILLAGE

BRADFORD
VILLAGE

NORTH

SOUTH

PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

HOMEWOOD

PEQUOT
DR.

HARFORD   MALL

BEL   AIR
PLAZA

TOLL
GATE   ROAD

WAKEFIELD
MANOR

TO FOREST HILL

TO BALTIMORE

TO EDGEWOOD

WEST — EAST

HA-1497 Aberts House, 300 Thomas St., Bel Air
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m. Larew, 1979